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PROTEINS 3 (hZP3) TO TEST MALE FERTILITY

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Sir:

On December 1, 2004 a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the above-referenced application. A Petition for Extension of Time was inadvertently not included with the filing. Please find attached a Petition for Extension of Time and a copy of the previously filed RCE and stamped received postcard.

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